



EDMONTON ROUGHNECKS RECREATION ASSOCIATION

BASEBALL, BEER & MEN!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Edmonton Roughnecks Recreation Association began with a casual Sunday afternoon session of scrub baseball in the summer of 1980. We have come a long way since then. Our membership has grown, volleyball and gymnastics have been added to our sports program, and invitations to tournaments in other cities are being received.

Notable events in the Associations young history include: our participation in a "straight" fastball tournament held for Alberta's 75th Anniversary; our winning of the runner-up trophy in the 1981 Oliver Community League Volleyball Tournament; and, our participation in Vancouver's Second Annual Pacific Cup Softball Tournament which included teams from

Sacramento, Los Angeles, Seattle and Vancouver.

The volleyball tournaments held in Red Deer and locally this past winter involved teams from Red Deer, Apollo of Calgary and the Edmonton Roughnecks. This is the first time that Gay communities in Alberta have joined together for organized sports.

We are now entering our third baseball season and it is shaping up to be our best yet. Several promising new players have joined and a crowd of Sunday afternoon fans is developing. The Roughnecks will be sponsoring a softball tournament June 27 as part of Gay Pride celebrations in the city. We are also planning to enter a team again this year in Vancouver's Pacific Cup Tournament. A number of social and

fund raising events are scheduled, including dances and potluck barbecues.

Through these activities, the Association hopes to contribute to the self-esteem and general well-being of Gay men in Edmonton; to foster pride and unity within the Gay community; and to develop understanding within the community at large. The emphasis remains on recreation - fun, exercise, and camaraderie. Provisions are being made for competition as the skills of our participants improve.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to all of you who, through your participation and involvement on teams, the Board and the Committees, are helping to make the Edmonton Roughnecks Recreation Association a resounding success.
- Greg Barker

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ROUGHNECKS ORGANIZE

To effectively organize and promote the Edmonton Roughnecks Recreation Association this season, four (count 'em) Committees have been formed.

Enthusiastic volunteers have already planned several activities for this year.

BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Art Raaflaub (chairman) 434-4906
Bob K.
Allan L.
Richard F.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Terry Northcott (chairman) 425-8241
Larry D.
Dan P.
Mathew S.

PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Ray Linqunti (chairman) 426-6232

Allan D.
Jerry A.
Doug B.
Bruce F.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chip Aebly (chairman) 484-3866
George W.
Kirk M.
Joe L.
Grayson S.
Jerry A.
Andrew S.
Allan L.

"Its softball but the men are hard!"

1982 BASEBALL SEASON

Special Practice

Tuesdays 6:30 - dusk
St. Pius School
#2 N.E. diamond
122 Avenue, 128 Street

General Practice

Thursdays 6:00 - 8:00
Oliver School
S.E. diamond
102 Avenue, 117 Street

Recreational Games

Sundays 1:00 - 4:00
Oliver School
S.E. diamond
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Season Membership: \$5.00
Spectators and new players
are always welcome!

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- the Imperial Court of Wild Roses will be presenting a special show at Flashback on Friday, June 25
- GATE will hold a dance at Phoenix Hall (10853 98 Street) on Saturday, June 26
- Dignity will be sponsoring a barbecue at Camp Harris on Sunday, June 27
- Roughnecks will hold a Baseball Tournament at Camp Harris on Sunday, June 27. Players from Calgary and Red Deer will be invited.

An Information Resource Fair will be set up in one of the clubs. More detailed information on the events will be posted soon.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Roughnecks Fund Raising Committee is pleased to announce their first dance to be held:

Saturday, June 19, 1982
at Phoenix Club Hall
10853 98 Street
from 9:00 to 2:00 am
(bar service until 1:00am)

Admission is \$5.00 per person
Highballs and beer - \$1.00
Hot food will be served.

Tickets are available from the
Roughnecks Fund Raising Committee
members.

It promises to be a hot evening with
sizzling music from Barry (DJ from
Flashback).

Let's see all you athletic
supporters out on June 19th.

RHONA BARES-IT

This reporter was pleased as punch
to be assigned the cover the
Roughnecks social season opener.
Lunch happened to be held at an ever
so tastefully decorated - almost
penthouse, which commands an
exquisite view of the River Valley
and a not so quite exquisite view of
a certain ball bearing stewardess.

Here's a quiz! We certainly hoped
you studied hard. Here are just a
few of the highlights don't you
know.

Q: Which prominent unhung hero of
the Roughnecks was quite
conveniently caught writing a High
School confidential on the toilet
mirror. Beware E.D. - you're a
marked man.

Q: It truly must be spring when
watermelon punch is in conspicuous
show. Well at least at this
affair one well known Roughneck
did not manage to reek havoc with
the kitchen rugs! And let me tell
you it is a good thing, for if he
were to do a swan dive off the
deck into the begonias, he would
have come away with more than just
a scar above his left eye! Good
boy G.S.!!

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Campfire Girl drag, but what a
disappointing lack of cookies in
her basket! This reporter has not
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anyway!!

TRAVEL SCENE

Its that time of year again. Summer
vacations are just around the corner
and with the airlines feeling the
pinch its a good time to visit some
of those old haunts.

There is always Vancouver for a
quick weekend trip. Vancouverites
are expecting a warm sunny summer
(but cant they always?). Most of
the watering holes are still there.
The Castle for an afternoon drink
and whatever; the Ambassador is a
sleazy as ever... the Gandy Dancer,
Central, B.J.'s, Buddy's,
Neighbours, Numbers, John Barley's
and ofcourse, the Shaggy Horse,
which is still very popular. But if
you want to see the old faces, you'd
better hurry as its closing June
12th ... the building is going.
Faces will re-open in August or
September above the Gandy Dancer
according to rumors.

Down East, rumor has it that
Toronto's Boots and 18 East won't be
around much longer, as Toronto's
finest and LCBO have been paying
them visits. To assist the Toronto
scene the street patrol started its
rounds on May 15. And if Toronto is
not too hospitable then you can
always whip down to Montreal or NYC.

"A diamond is a boy's best friend!"
- Babe Ruth

1982 OLIVER COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The Edmonton Parks and Recreation
Department, Central District, is
sponsoring the Second Annual Oliver
Fair Volleyball Tournament, Sunday
May 30, 1-4 pm, at Oliver School,
117 Street and 102 Avenue. The
Roughnecks have been invited to
enter one team and hope to bring
home the 1st place trophy which was
won last year by the Community
League team.

"Welcome back Alex!"

U.S. BALL TOURNAMENTS

Second Annual Cascade Cup
Seattle - May 28

Sacramento Invitational Tournament
July 3,4,5, 1982

Edmonton, Vancouver, Portland,
Houston, and defending Champions
from Los Angeles have been invited
to attend.

Due to limited resources, the
Roughnecks will not be attending
these tournaments this year. We
hope to participate in these events
in the future.

NEW ROUGHNECK LOGO

The Promotional Committee has
developed a logo and newsletter
masthead. The logo incorporates
international gay and atheletic
symbols, and will soon appear on
stationary, t-shirts, bumper
stickers and posters.

Special thanks to those who made
submissions.

In the Roughnecks upcoming
Newsletter: the 1982 GAY OLYMPIC
GAMES.

Q: What do you do with an elephant
that has three balls?

A: Walk him and see if you can
strike out the rhinoceros.

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Q: Finally which Roughneck can we thank for the spice cake? Sara Lee would like your recipe. However, we did find it a bit overdone. ++

Well, well, well, this certainly was a busy little event!

On a more serious note, we feel a collective word of thanks go out to Andrew and David for an unqualified success to kick off the what promises to be the busiest social season to date. We certainly hope that more of you will host events like this!!

Till next time

Kiss, kiss!!

++ reportedly due to the fact that while the cake was baking there was more cooking going on in the bedroom than in the oven. So much for moist and easy!

G.A.T.E. DANCES

- May 29
- June 26
- July 24
- August 28

All dances will be held at
Phoenix Hall

10853 98 Street

Hours: 8:00 pm to 2:00 am

Bar service til 1:00 am

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THE 1982 PACIFIC CUP SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The third Annual Pacific Cup Invitational Softball Tournament will be held in Vancouver July 30 to August 2, 1982. The Edmonton Roughnecks plan to enter a team again this year. Last year's tournament was memorable, although our scores were something we'd like to forget.

Players wishing to try out for the all star team should attend the Tuesday night practices. Spectators who would like to travel with the team should book seats on CP 185 departing Edmonton 30-July 9:55 pm, arriving 10:20 pm. and CP 156 departing Vancouver 02-August 6:00 pm and arriving back in Edmonton at 8:25 pm.

"Have you paid your membership?"

